

REMARKS

The independent claims have been amended to call for a system which may be sold with a first bus technology, such as a PCI bus technology, and which may implement a second bus technology, such as an advanced bus technology, when an internal controller can be mated with an external component such as an add-in card.

When the external component is not available, then the claim calls for indicating that the second bus technology is not available and deactivating the controller. When the external component is identified, then the second bus technology is indicated to be available and the controller and the external device are linked to implement a said second bus technology.

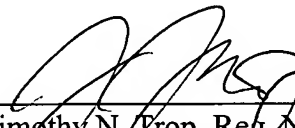
Thus, systems may be sold that can only implement a certain bus technology which may be widely available. However, the capability to implement a second bus technology when that bus technology is available may be provided within an integrated controller. All that is needed is a second device in the form of an external component which must be mated with the controller to implement the second bus technology. Then, existing systems may be updated to provide the second bus technology without incurring the cost of implementing a bus technology which may not be available at the time of purchase.

Since the cited reference merely talks about keeping track of where an external component is located, reconsideration of the rejection is requested. There is no implementing of a second bus technology, there is no determining whether the external component is coupled to the system and, if so, deactivating a controller and, finally, there is no implementing of a second bus technology when the external component is coupled to the system.

Support for the added claim limitations may be found at page 7, lines 6-20.

Respectfully submitted,

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